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SUBJECT: FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARD EUROGROUP

- 1. IN RECENT MEETING WITH EMBOFFS, GALLEY'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR CONFIRMED LACK OF FRENCH INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN EUROGROUP, ALTHOUGH HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CLOSER COOPERATION WITH EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ON TECHNICAL SUBJECTS SUCH AS ARMS PRODUCTION.
- 2. SIMILAR LINE WAS TAKEN IN LONDON DURING GALLEY-CARRINGTON MEETING OF MID-JUNE ACCORDING TO UK EMBOFF (PARIS 18279) AND CONFIDENTIAL

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- 3. MOREOVER, USUALLY RELIABLE LE MONDE REPORTED THAT FOLLOWING GALLEY-LEBER MEETING IN BONN MAY 21-22, GALLEY TOLD PRESS THAT FRANCE DID NOT BELONG TO EUROGROUP "WHICH THE GERMANS CONSIDER THE KERNEL OF A TRUE SYSTEM OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE." GALLEY ADDED THAT GOF "IS ATTEMPTING TO FIND OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION WHICH ARE NOT FOUND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF NATO." (PARIS 14486)
- 4. COMMENT: AS SEEN FROM HERE, WE DETECT NO INTEREST ON PART OF THE FRENCH TO JOIN EUROGROUP, ALTHOUGH FRENCH SEEM INTERESTED IN PURSUING SOME FORM OF CLOSER ARMS PRODUCTION COOPERATION WITH KEY NATO ALLIES. THE NATURE AND ORGANIZATION OF SUCH COOPERATION REMAINS A QUESTION. GDS IRWIN

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